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The wide grey sweep of ocean and the long white curl of
foam,

The ever-pleading wash of waves, the never-ceasing moan:
I used to scorn their beauty with a heart that spurned its
home.

Oh for the silver shining of fair cities o'er the sands!
Oh for the song of dusky throats in dim and distant lands!
They reached to me as women reach their slim and lovely
hands.

I followed 'neath the alien sky and through the stranger's
door;

And now I crown my wandering with peace that asks no
more

Than just to lie and watch the surf along the dear home
shore.

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Ho all you eager travelers!
Have you some place to go
Where you forget the many things
You wish you did not know?
Forget your own insistent past
And feel just fit and free?
If you have found it, won't you tell
Its happy name to me?

Winifred Webb